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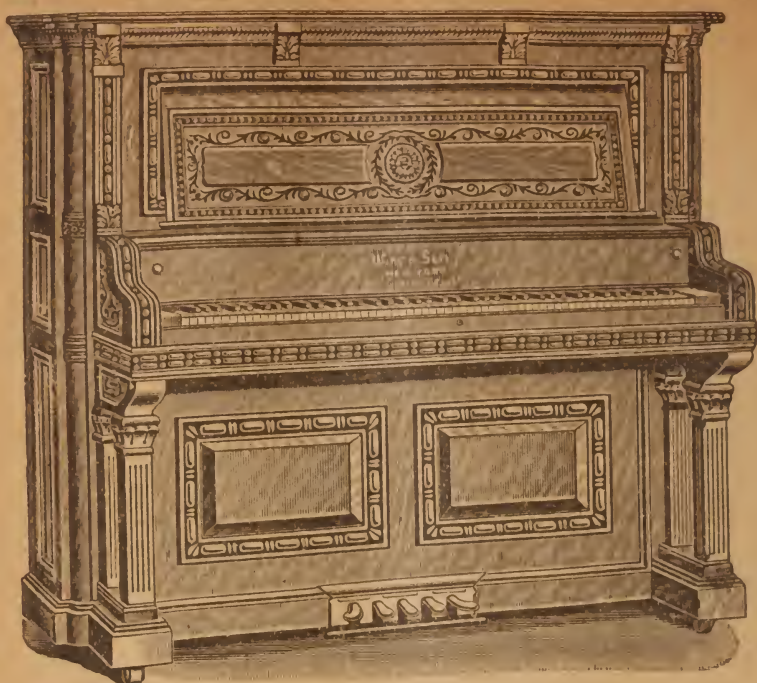
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## WILD FLOWERS.

Flowers of the wood, and yet your presence teaches  
More than our words:  
And still your fragrance and your beauty preaches,  
And still, afar, your subtle influence reaches,  
Like song of birds.

*Vineland, N. J., Sept. 1, 1903.*

*A. F. L.*

## THE GARDEN RANUNCULUS.

THE races of Garden Ranunculus are all varieties of *R. Asiaticus*, a species from Asia Minor, which has been under cultivation since the sixteenth century.

The flowers are all double, large and showy, as indicated in the engraving, and of many colors, varying from white through shades of red to blackish purple. The roots are fasciated tubers, like miniature clumps of Dahlias, and are handled by dealers in a dry, lifeless-like form. Those who buy are often disappointed when they find the roots "dry as sticks," but a little heat and moisture gradually applied will soon resurrect them, and develop beautiful growing and blooming plants. Of the various forms, the French, Persian and Turban varieties are common, but the hardiest and most desirable for general culture are the Turban sorts, which deserve a place in every good collection of plants because of their beauty and ease of culture. The time to get the roots is in autumn or early spring. If purchased in autumn they may be potted at once, but if wanted for the garden, keep them till spring, then set out where you wish the plants to bloom. Sandy leaf-mould with good drainage should be given, and when growth begins, mulch the bed well with stable litter, as the plants like a moist, cool soil, and will suffer from drouth

when in a growing condition. After blooming, and when the leaves begin to fade, lift the little clumps and dry them off till planting time the next spring, as they are liable to rot when left in the ground. The plants are beautiful when blooming in pots, and when massed together in a bed or border they are very attractive and greatly admired.



GARDEN RANUNCULUS.

**Lemon Verbena.**—The best way to propagate Lemon Verbena plants is from cuttings of half-ripened wood. Take them with a sharp knife in midsummer, when

the weather is warm, and insert in sand, which keep wet and rather close until roots form, then pot. Use a compost of sand, loam and leaf-mould, and see that the drainage is good. Water regularly and keep in a partially shaded place. With these simple attentions, the plants grow vigorously, and soon become handsome pot plants. Bedded out in spring where the plants are protected from the hot sun, they also do well, and can be lifted and potted for wintering, early in autumn, and given a frost-proof place in the cellar. The seeds are regularly advertised by seedsmen, but propagation by seeds is not to be recommended, as they do not germinate readily, and are mostly a source of disappointment. A sandy, porous soil, liberal room, plenty of water at the roots while growing, and partial shade are essentials in culture, and those who provide these will have no occasion to complain of their success.

**Hebenstreitia comosa.**—This annual is easily raised from seeds. It blooms in a few weeks after the plants are started.

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## Editorial.

**Wintering Hydrangeas.**—The Chinese Hydrangeas are hardy out-doors at the South, but require the protection of a cool room or cellar in winter at the North. Toward spring cut the plants back, and encourage the vigorous growth of new shoots by placing favorably, fertilizing and giving regular supplies of water. Plants thus treated will soon develop fine heads of bloom. The *Hydrangea paniculata* and *H. Thomas Hogg* are hardy at the North, especially the former, which is one of our most desirable garden shrubs. Plants of this should be severely pruned early in spring, before the buds begin to swell.

**Potting Tuberous Begonias and Gloxinias.**—In potting Tuberous Begonias and Gloxinias let the crown of the tubers protrude above the soil. If covered and kept wet they are liable to rot. Use a compost of rotted sods, leaf-mould, sand and manure, well mixed. Five-inch pots are large enough for the larger tubers, and small pots will do for tubers of a small size. As a rule the tubers should be potted in March or April, and given a partially shaded place in summer.

**Growing Fuchsias.**—Fuchsias started from cuttings in January or early in February and given good care, the plants being shifted often, will make beautiful blooming specimens for decoration in spring. Fuchsias like a rich, porous compost, a warm, moist atmosphere, and plenty of root-room to thrive and bloom well. Avoid midday sunshine in summer.

## PACKING CUT FLOWERS.

**A**S a rule, florists cut their flowers an hour or more before packing, taking long stems, and placing in tall, narrow vessels or jars. Shallow boxes are then provided, and these are lined with waxed paper, well sprinkled, plies of the paper extending outside, to be folded over the flowers before placing the lid. The flowers are then packed, stems inward and overlapping toward the center of the box, and the blooms appear at either end, the bunches being laid alternately with their flowers toward the end of the box. The stems are sprinkled with cold water, as the work progresses, until the box is full, then the paper is folded over, given a sprinkling of water, and the lid secured. Care is taken not to sprinkle the flowers freely. This method of packing does well where the flowers are to reach their destination in from three to six hours. But when flowers are to remain packed for two or three days, it is doubtful whether they would retain their beauty, especially in warm weather. They would be likely to be injured by the heat and moisture.

For shipping a long distance it is safer to pack the stems at the center in parted layers with some sphagnum moss between, cribbing up each side, to give the blooms air and prevent mildew and smothering. When so packed the moss and stems it contains should be well moistened, but no water should be put upon the foliage or flowers. A lining of waxed paper will keep the air moist and injure the freshness of the blooms.

In a miniature way this method may be used to pack small bouquets for mailing.

**Ripening Bulbs.**—Amaryllis and many other bulbous plants are likely to grow well but fail to bloom when the bulbs are not ripened. The ripening process is promoted by partially withholding water after the new leaves have matured, and placing in a sunny situation for several weeks, thus encouraging the concentration of the vital forces of the plant in the bulb. Blooming germs are thus formed, which, in due time will develop into scapes of bloom, when the growth is again renewed.

**Hibiscus, Crimson Eye.**—This is a large, showy, herbaceous, hardy Hibiscus found in bogs along the Atlantic coast south of Washington. It is botanically known as *Hibiscus coccineus speciosus*. It is readily started from seeds, and blooms the second year. Each plant soon becomes a large, showy clump, from six to eight feet high, bearing throughout the autumn, hollyhock-like single blooms, from six to eight inches across, varying from white to pink, each flower having an attractive, crimson eye. It is one of our finest perennials, and deserves a place in every collection.

## ABOUT RUELLIA

**R**UELLIA formosa is a beautiful flower from Brazil, which bears large, showy scarlet flowers at intervals throughout the summer. The plant grows a foot or more in height, and has pretty green foliage, covered on both sides with short, silvery hairs. The flowers are actually held out from the foliage by rather long, straight stems, and while not numerous are always attractive on account of their graceful form, large size and rich color.

A species of more recent introduction, is *Ruellia Makoyana*, which is of branching, spreading habit, and bears smaller flowers of a rosy carmine color. The beauty of this species, however, is largely in the foliage, which is green, bronze and chocolate in fine contrast. *Ruellia macrantha* and *R. tuberosa* are other sorts offered by florists, but not as common, probably because their treatment is not so familiar.

The genus *Ruellia* embraces about 150 species, most of which are natives of Brazil and other provinces of South America. They are consequently tropical plants, and thrive only in a warm, moist atmosphere. They like a fibrous, porous soil with good drainage, and should be freely watered when growing and blooming. During the resting period water sparingly. Give partial shade in summer. The plants are rarely troubled with insects, and they mostly bloom freely when treated in the manner suggested.

**Lemon and Orange.**—Plants of these may be readily started in the spring. Simply extract the seeds from the ripe fruit and plant in a garden bed in May, just as you would plant grains of Corn. Let these seedling plants grow till August, then pot and protect in winter. The next season you may grow in a four-inch pot or bed out again. In the autumn, if the plants have grown well they may be budded with buds from a bearing tree. After the buds have well started, cut off the tops above, and let the strength of the tree go to nourish and develop the bud. In this way, beautiful, bearing trees may be quickly and easily produced.

**Pruning Crimson Rambler Roses.**—The best time to prune Crimson Rambler Roses is in the summer, just after the plants have blossomed. At that time cut away all of the wood that blossomed freely, and encourage the vigorous growth of new shoots. In the spring cut away only such parts as have been winter-killed, or lack sufficient vitality for free blooming during the summer.

**Dividing Phlox.**—The best time to divide and reset roots of Perennial Phlox is in the early spring.

## WINTER-BLOOMING PLANTS.

**A**CORRESPONDENT complains that her Geraniums and Begonias do not bloom in winter, although she has no trouble in getting an abundance of flowers from them in summer. She should begin in the spring or summer to prepare for winter. Get cuttings or plants of such Geraniums as *America*, *Mars*, *Dryden*, and *Mrs. E. G. Hill*. Grow the plants in pots, keeping well watered, and shifting to pots a size larger as soon as the roots begin to crowd. This shifting will arrest the blooming propensity of the plant, and encourage growth of roots and tops instead. By late autumn you will have large, bushy plants, well-rooted, and in good condition to bloom throughout the winter. Give them a window with a southern exposure and avoid chills at night, and your plants will yield an abundance of bloom.

Of Begonias get seeds of winter blooming sorts, such as *B. Erfordia*, *B. Schmidtii*, *B. semperflorens gracilis* and *B. semperflorens vernon*. Sow over pots of sifted and pressed soil, cover with a glass and water by pouring warm water in the saucer at the base. Do not cover the seeds or water over the soil. In a little while the tiny plants will appear. Give air and subdued light, and prick out into a box or pot when large enough, and later pot singly or three or four in one pot. Started in the spring and thus brought on the plants will be fine, large, blooming ones for the window in winter, and you will have no reason to complain of lack of bloom. Such plants you cannot keep from blooming, unless you chill them or dry them or choke their little roots with stagnant water. In producing winter flowers there is more in the habits of the plants than in the treatment. Plants with a winter-blooming habit will often bloom with the most careless treatment, while plants that do not have that habit will be dormant, even when given the best attention possible.

**A Porch Vine.**—A beautiful hardy vine for a porch, is *Aristolochia sypho*. The curious pipe-like chocolate flowers are freely borne early in the spring, before the foliage develops. The foliage, however, is of rich green, of tropical appearance, and makes gorgeous festoons. The plant is hardy and can be started from seeds which come up in from three to six months after planting.

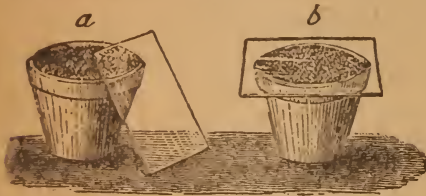
**A Roof Vine.**—A strong-growing wall or roof vine is *Bignonia radicans*. It has dense, graceful foliage, and throws out numerous branches during the season, each terminated by a large cluster of red, trumpet-like flowers. These are succeeded by numerous seed-pods which hang on until the next season. Young plants are readily propagated from seeds and root-cuttings.

## STREPTOCARPUS HYBRIDS.

(See illustration on 1st Title Page.)

**A**MONG the most beautiful of greenhouse plants are the hybrids of various species of *Streptocarpus*, a group of the flowers of which is shown on first title page. The plants are easily raised from seeds by the skilled gardener, and bloom freely throughout the summer and autumn. Those who have a hot-house may even have blooming plants during midwinter.

The seeds should be sown early in spring on sifted and firmed soil made up of equal parts loam and leaf-mould with some sharp sand added. Cover with a pane of glass, and moisten by setting the pots in a pan of water. Keep warm and shaded till the little plants appear, then remove the cover and keep close to the glass, to prevent the plants from becoming spindly. As soon as



large enough, prick the plants out into larger pans, and as they develop, pot singly, using 2½-inch pots. Later repot into four-inch pots, in which they may bloom. Good specimens will bloom throughout the year, under favorable conditions.

The plants grow compactly and the tubular flowers vary from pure white, through the finer shades of pink and red to mauve and violet-blue. As yet they are rare among the American florists and window gardeners, though popular in Europe. Persons who try them should not be too sanguine of their success, as they like a warm temperature, and their requirements will have to be learned by experience. As a rule, however, those who successfully grow *Achimenes* and *Gloxinias* from seeds may expect a reasonable share of success with the rare and beautiful *Streptocarpus* hybrids, and any success attained will prove an abundant reward for the effort by the rich display of bloom.

**Gesneraceous Plants.**—*Gloxinias*, *Gesnerias* and *Achimenes* require nearly the same treatment. The soil should be fibrous loam, leaf-mould and sand, and the watering moderate. Keep the foliage from dust, and avoid direct sunshine, especially after syringing or sprinkling. In potting let the crown of the *Gloxinias* and *Gesnerias*, protrude above the surface soil. The scaly bulb of the *Achimenes*, however, should be covered. In starting these plants, always water sparingly until roots form and growth begins. If freely watered after potting they are liable to rot.

## EXCHANGING.

**A** FLORAL SISTER from Texas complains of a Mrs. Wallace of Arkansas, who inserted an exchange notice. She said the Arkansas woman claimed to be a florist, and that she got up a club for her, but was sorry for it, as she did not get value for the remittance. All readers are informed that the exchange column is only for the use of amateurs, and for those who wish to exchange plants. Those who grow plants for sale and attempt to profit by our liberality prostitute their honor to such an extent that none of the Magazine readers should patronize them. Persons who have no more respect for themselves than to misuse the exchange column will have no more respect for those who favor them than to take their money and give little or nothing for it. Any person who offers an exchange to promote business interests should be promptly reported to the Editor. The advertising columns are available for legitimate business, and those who wish to promote sales should order their advertisement and pay for it as such.

**Aphides.**—The aphid or green fly mostly works upon soft-stemmed plants and under leaves. It places its beak where it wishes to extract the juice, then punctures the epidermis with two little mandibles which come down within the tube or beak, and then sucks and appropriates the life-blood of the plant. Syringing with hot quassia-chips tea or applying the fumes of tobacco will soon eradicate the pest. Two or three applications at intervals of two or three days may be necessary.

**Crepe Myrtle.**—This handsome shrub is hardy as far north as Washington. Further north it might be protected when growing in the garden by enveloping in whips of rye straw well tied in. It is safer, however, to grow in pots at the north and winter in a frost-proof cellar. The Crepe Myrtle will bloom the second year from a cutting, the flowers showing in early summer, and continuing to develop for several weeks. *Cestrum Parqui* may also be grown in a pot and wintered in the cellar.

**Old Fuchsias.**—Fuchsias may be sparingly pruned when through blooming, then set in a cool, frost-proof place till spring. Then repot, giving more root-room. Or, if preferred, keep them in the old pots till danger from frosts is past, then bed them at the north side of the house, or where they will be shielded from severe wind and hot sun. Thus treated, old Fuchsias are very satisfactory.

**Cardamine.**—*Cardamine pratensis* is a hardy perennial. It thrives in a shady place and well-drained soil.

## Window Culture.

### ABOUT BEGONIAS.

THESE handsome plants, of which many sorts are offered, make very attractive specimens for the window garden in winter, and are very pretty on shaded verandas and plant stands in summer. The foliage of most sorts is sufficiently decorative without flowers, but many are also fine bloomers, producing many flowers in profusion for a considerable portion of the year. Begonias like a moist atmosphere, perfect drainage and protection from the midday sun. The soil, which, while rich, should be sandy enough to be light and friable, and have a goodly portion of leaf-mould mixed in. It should never be allowed to become soaked and soggy, or the strongest plants will soon fail. With an atmosphere sufficiently moist, water need not be applied more freely than for other window plants. *B. rubra* is perhaps the most widely known. Its large panicles of drooping coral blossoms are produced freely, all over the plant, which is naturally of a branching habit. *B. gigantea* is not a branching sort, but has numerous round leaves, and in the blooming season has a large cluster of deep rose flowers with every leaf. It is very desirable. *B. Feasti* has lovely foliage of bronze green, round in shape, and under good culture large as tea plates. It is a window bloomer, and throws up tall sprays of delicate pink flowers far above the foliage. Equally attractive and altogether different are Begonias *Foliosa*, *Multiflora hybrida*, and *Fuchoides coccinea*, which have finely cut foliage arranged like fronds of a fern. These are very desirable as bracket plants, as they droop very prettily. *B. Pres. Carnot* has large, long leaves, crinkled, and resembling silk. The flowers are produced in grand panicles of a beautiful coral-red. Very dainty and sweet is little *B. Dewdrop*, with pale green foliage and white flowers, which are produced in profusion the whole year round. *B. Argentea guttata* has leaves resembling satin in texture, which are thickly spotted with silver. There are many desirable forms of *B. semperflorens*, and many others as desirable as these already mentioned. The *Rex Begonias* are surpassingly lovely, but may be considered a class by themselves, requiring special culture for success.

Suffolk Co., N. Y.

Begonia.

[NOTE.—It is not generally known that Begonias are among the window plants easily raised from seeds. The seeds are dust-like in appearance, and must not be covered with soil, nor should the soil over which the seeds are sown, be sprinkled. Moist-en it by setting the pot in a saucer of water. Cover with a glass, and keep dark and rather warm, till the tiny plants appear. Do not expose to the sun till well started. By such care, any one can start Begonias from seeds and from a mixture secure a great variety of plants.—Ed.]

### FERNS.

LAST spring when we were improving a home in the country, we found we were entirely without plants for the shelf of the casement window in the dining-room. It was a north window, without any sunshine. During our walks in the woods we had found three varieties of hardy ferns. I had never been successful in growing them; the more delicate ones would wither and soon turn brown. So when we went for these, we took the pans intended for them, with charcoal for drainage. We took up large clumps without disturbing the roots, using the soil they grew in. I am sure here is where my failure in the past lay—in using different soil, and planting too deep. We put the pans in the baskets, sprinkled them from a little stream near by, and carried them carefully with papers, to protect the tender fronds from wind and sun. And if those ferns knew they had been moved, they never resented it. Our window has been a mass of delicate green, as pleasing as blooms.

Primrose.

Liberty Co., Tex., Mar. 14, 1903.

[NOTE.—The best time to remove wild Ferns is in early spring, before the new fronds develop. At that time they do not suffer from any injury. They may be taken up later, but may lose their new fronds, unless special care is taken.—Ed.]

**Flowers in Winter.**—Every one should have a window garden in winter. Even though there is little room, a place can be found for a few pots if no more. Heliotropes, Geraniums and Lantanas are excellent plants and very beautiful if they can occupy a sunny window. But don't be discouraged, and think that you can have no flowers if you have not a sunny window. Primroses, Begonias and other plants will do well in a north window, and will brighten the home wonderfully. Tulips, Hyacinths and Narcissus should also be on your list.

Nat. S. Green.

Hamilton Co., Ohio.

**Amaryllis equestris.**—I have an *Amaryllis equestris*, that was given to me four years ago. It's a little mite of a thing, not as large as an onion set. The woman told me that hers was six years old, and had never bloomed. Mine bloomed when a year old. Once it bloomed in the fall, and again late in winter. The secret is, use small pots to grow them in, very rich, sandy soil, and do not disturb the roots.

Milessa Graham.

Adams Co., Iowa, Aug. 20, 1903.

**Christmas Rose—Helleborus.**—This is like a large autumn Anemone, and blossoms under the snow profusely from November till May. It is nice for cutting, and is always in bloom during the coldest winter months.

Anonymous.

Ontario Co., N. Y.

## Floral Poetry.

### IN MEMORIAM.

There are many beautiful pictures  
I have hung on "Memory's wall;"  
But there's one of a low, brown farm-house,  
That seemeth the best of all.  
Not alone for the vine-wreathed window,  
Nor yet for the vine-clad door;  
But most for the memory of one I loved,  
Who will welcome me there no more.

And never in any garden  
Such lush, rare Roses bloomed;  
And never elsewhere such odors  
The ambrient air perfumed.  
And never to Pinks and Pansies  
Were given such wondrous dyes,  
Methinks, they will be no fairer  
On the hills of Paradise.

And never a home of sorrow,  
In reach of her loving hand,  
But some floral offering was given,  
To help them to understand  
That He that painteth the Lilies,  
And giveth each blossom its hue,  
And provideth such care for the flowers,  
Will care for His children, too.

And if there was one who sorrowed,  
From whom the cold world turned  
In Christless scorn, for such as these  
In love her warm heart yearned.  
To those she would go with her treasures,  
Her choicest and rarest blooms,  
And her presence breathed balm and comfort,  
As her flowers exhaled perfumes.

"I cannot tell them of Jesus,  
I am such a sinner," she said,  
"The words would stifle and choke me,  
But I try to show them instead  
Somewhat of His sweet compassion,  
Of His tender and pitying love;  
And may be they'll realize a glimpse  
Of our Heavenly Father above."

No wonder her Roses and Lilies,  
Her Pansies of varied hue,  
Her Columbines and Carnations,  
In such riotous beauty grew;  
Nor a wonder so rare their fragrance,  
Since love-enriched was the soil,  
For love for the Christ and for whom Christ died  
Gave her frail hands strength for the toil.

For she bore a cross of suffering,  
Her companion each day was pain;  
Sometimes in her darkened chamber,  
Through wearisome days she has lain,  
But even from these her love thoughts  
Went forth as a rare perfume;  
For many a sweet heart-poem  
Found birth in that "darkened room."

Dear "Han," it was in the northland,  
In the years that have long gone by,  
When the flowers bloomed fair in your garden  
And the love-light shone in your eye.  
And now by the Susquehanna  
You are lying in dreamless rest,  
While the flowers you loved so fondly  
Bloom over your pulseless breast.

At rest! but her works do follow,  
And her memory is blessed still,  
And would that I might forever  
My life with such charity fill!  
At rest till that glorious morning  
When His voice shall open the tomb;  
When the dead shall come forth immortal  
In a land of fadeless bloom.

March 9, 1903. Alice R. Corson,  
204 State St., Fulton, Richmond, Va.

### WHEN GRANDMA MADE BELIEVE.

Grandma is ninety, and proud and prim,  
But a talkative grandma, too,  
So little by little strange things slip out,  
And odd little facts drop through.

Just think, for instance, that grandma, there,  
(So prim and so proud is she),  
Could ever have played at "Make believe,"  
Or have climbed in the proud, sweet tree.

"There were ledges behind the house," she tells  
"Tall Sumacs in crimsons and greens;  
Of the tufted tops, we parasols made,  
And paraded about as queens."

"For a watch, a round of carrot served,  
On a ribbon chain fair to see;  
Our earrings gay were the yellow cups  
Of the *Noli-me-tangere*."

Our crowns we made of the Cowslip's gold,  
From the meadows beyond the manse,  
And our "Blue Flag" at the river's brim,  
Is the *Fleur de lis* of France."

"Our cups and saucers the Oak tree gave,  
Our fruit dish of Burdock burs,  
And this was my house by the Mullain Pinks,  
And that over there was hers."

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More than eighty years have flown since then,  
For hearts to rejoice or grieve,  
And we listen and smile at the by-gone times  
When our grandmamma "Made believe,"

Maude Meredith.

Washington Co., Va., Jan., 7, 1903.

### BOYHOOD ON THE FARM.

Oh, what's become of Jim and George  
And Jack and Tom and Joe?  
The boys that used to chum with me  
A score of years ago.  
Up country on our father's farms,  
When all the days were rife  
With pleasure, ere we came to know  
The storms and stress of life.

I've read that George is Ph. D.,  
And Jack, a doctor wise,  
While Joe is in the Senate now—  
It gives me no surprise.  
But, Tom is sticking to the farm;  
Somehow, I envy him,  
Although the Fates made preachers of  
Myself and little Jim.

Oh, years so short, and yet so long.  
You've scattered us afar,  
Who watched at morn the crimson east,  
At dusk, the evening star.  
Yet deep in every heart there is  
Some unforgetten charm  
That hallows boyhood, and the hours  
We spent upon the farm.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalia Mitchell.

### THE PANSIES.

Gone is the autumn, its harvest is over;  
Gone are the songsters from woodland and dale;  
Dry leaves are heaping above the dead flowers,  
The frost-king so ruthlessly left in his trail.

Bare and uncomely the wind-shaken Maple,  
Stripped of its verdure so lovely in June;  
Brown is the hillside, and brown is the meadow,  
Silent the voices so lately in tune,

Yet smiling faces looked up as I wandered  
Around in my desolate garden to-day,  
Braving the tempests, my beautiful Pansies,  
Smiling as sweetly as ever in May.

Wash. Co., Va.

S. Minerva Boyce.

## Garden Culture.

### ABOUT MORNING GLORIES.

**S**UCH an old and popular flower is the Morning Glory that even the mention of the name brings to mind the hallowed associations of childhood, and the happiness it gave at the old home every summer's morning. Then we had but the white and pink and blue, with a few striped or marked. To-day the flowers appear in many shades from pure white through the shades of red to scarlet, and the shades of blue to dark royal purple. The vines are as vigorous as ever, and the flowers larger, as well as of more diversified colors.

The plants are readily started from seeds, which may be sown early in spring, where the plants are to vine, or they may be started early, in boxes or pots, and the plants transplanted while small. Good soil and a sunny situation suits them, and under such conditions they will soon climb twenty feet high, and yield a fine display of flowers during the season. Support should be given the vines as soon as they show a disposition to run. If this is neglected the vines become stunted, and are not so satisfactory.

A floral Sister who has found pleasure in raising the improved varieties writes from Chase Co., Kansas, as follows:

Mr. Editor: Last year I planted my Morning Glories around an east porch, to hide a breach in the foundation. They climbed over two-foot poultry netting the height of the porch floor, and became a mass of green. Such large leaves—many as large as saucers! And the bloom—oh how lovely, and such quantities and colors. Many thought they could not be common Morning Glories. On cool or cloudy days the flowers lasted all day. The soil was rather poor, so I gave it a coat of rich dirt from the cow yard, and some waste water. A few climbed up the columns and would probably have reached the roof but for frost. I advise the sisters to try Morning Glories for covering unsightly objects.—M. W., Nov. 4, 1903.

The engraving shows a flower and bud of the improved striped Morning Glory. It is but one of the many beautiful varie-

ties grown, all of which are worthy of a place at every home. When you make up your list of vines for the coming season do not forget to include the improved varieties of the old-fashioned Morning Glory.

**Drapery of Vines.**—We have a side porch to our little home, and I planted Cobæa, or as I call them, Cathedral Bells, and Japanese Morning Glories along the ground. They grew rapidly, and with fine twine I trained them until they were beyond my control, or beyond my string. I had them arranged to form a curtain draped back against the porch columns. The foliage was dense, and when the bells of both plants appeared they were very beautiful. How we enjoyed their many colors, "new every morning," as God's mercy, and the perfect shade it gave us, how we

appreciated its refreshing coolness. The foliage kept on a long time, and then the dried leaves, and many branches with their hundreds of tendrils, swayed all the winter, retaining still the form of curtains, and till March winds, were the objects of attraction to passers by.—Mrs. H.M. P. Way, Mifflin Co., Pa.

### Tamarinds.

—The Tamarind tree, originally brought from the East Indies, and now cultivated in all tropical countries,

is a spreading tree, growing from thirty to forty feet high. The flowers are very fragrant, the pods brown, many seeded, and about six inches in length. These pods are filled with a pleasant, sweetish-acid pulp of a red color, and are brought to Europe, mixed up with seeds and fibers, in a mass-like jam. They are preserved by throwing hot syrup on the ripe pulp, with alternate layers of fruit and sugar, and are used medicinally in the manufacture of cooling drinks. The wood of the Tamarind tree is of great beauty, but from its extreme hardness, it is very difficult to work. The bark, wood, leaves and flowers are all economically, valuable. They are propagated from cuttings.

Holt Co., Mo.

L. L.



MORNING GLORY.

## Bulbous Flowers.

### SCILLA CLUSI.

THIS beautiful species can be grown to great perfection in the window garden or greenhouse, by using a compost made up of two-thirds turfy loam, and one-third well decayed manure. The pots should be proportionate to the size of the bulb; a four or five-inch pot will answer very well if properly drained. In potting, set the bulbs below the surface of the soil, so that they will be entirely covered; then



SCILLA PERUVIANA.

water thoroughly and place in a cool, dark cellar, to make roots. In about six or eight weeks, or as soon as indications of a vigorous top growth are noticed, the bulbs can be started into growth by giving them a light, sunny situation and a temperature of from 50 to 60 degrees, watering frequently, and giving as much fresh air as possible. Keep the plants free from dust, and remember that the flowers will remain a long time in perfection, if placed in a cool atmosphere when fully expanded.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Nassau Co., N. Y.

[NOTE.—This bulbous flower is better known as *Scilla peruviana*. There are two colors, blue and white. The bulbs are as large as those of the Dutch Hyacinth, and require the same treatment when grown in pots. They should be obtained and potted, either in autumn or early winter. They retain their vitality well, and if kept in a cool, frost-proof place till spring may be bedded out. The little engraving will give some idea of the appearance of a blooming plant.—E.P.]

### Gloxinias and Tuberous Begonias.—

In potting these let the crown of the tubers remain above the surface, and water sparingly till growth begins. Avoid chills. A porous, well-drained soil, copious watering and partial shade suits them in summer. They are among the most beautiful and satisfactory of summer flowers for the veranda or window garden. The ease with which they may be cultivated should recommend them to everyone who has a collection of window plants. Include them in your list of fine summer flowers.

## Propagation.

### GERANIUMS FROM LEAVES.

GERANIUMS can be grown from leaves as easily as from cuttings. Just pull off a matured leaf at the stock, and insert it in the pot with its parent, and in a short time it roots and starts a plant. I have tried the *Pelargoniums* as well as the common kind, and they grow as readily. The first one I tried was of the latter sort. The plant had but few leaves, one leaf having been broken off accidentally. The leaf being fully grown, quite large and mallow-like, I put it in the soil, just to preserve it. It wilted for a few days, but soon raised up and took root as lively as could be. This may be stale to some, but to me it is a revelation. Mrs. C. Calhoun.

Lincoln Co., Idaho.

**Dahlias from Seeds.**—The past spring I sowed a packet of mixed double *Dahlia* seeds in the open ground. Although I gave them no better care than any other seedlings, I succeeded in raising seven plants. Of these, three were double-flowered varieties, and four were single. They began blooming in August, and bloomed till cut down by frost. They are not at all difficult to raise from seeds, though only a part of the plants will produce double flowers. If kept free from weeds, they bloom almost as soon from seeds as from the roots. W. C. Mollett.

Wayne Co., W. Va., Jan. 5, 1903.

**Cypress Vines.**—In the spring of 1902, I planted the seeds of *Cypress Vine* where I wanted them to grow (by a south window). I made a trench one and one-half inches deep, and dropped red and white seeds one-half inch apart, alternately, and put up a strip of woven wire, with one-half inch mesh, nine feet high and six wide. The vines went away beyond it, and by the first of August, were twenty feet by actual measurement, and still growing. Of course the flowers, lovely stars, alternated and mixed beautifully.

Mrs. A. H.

St. Jos. Co., Ind., March 23, 1903.

**Petunias.**—If your Double *Petunia* is straggly, and has but few blossoms, prepare a bed of good soil where the sun will not shine through the five hot hours. Start slips from the old plant, and in May place them in this bed. Keep the soil loose and moist, and soon there will be nothing in sight in that bed but lovely, fluffy balls, and delicate foliage. E. C.

Edgar Co., Ill., Dec. 26 1902.

**Planting Seeds Edgewise.**—Such seeds as *Cobaea*, *Grevillea* and *Lunaria* should be planted edgewise.

## Floral Miscellany.

### SUCCESS WITH AZALEAS.

I HAVE splendid success with Azaleas. I pot them rather firmly in pure leaf mould and sand. I keep them in an ordinary sitting-room with wood fire, and water on the stove all the time. I give them the morning sun in a south window. Every few days I take a large bucket of warm water and submerge the whole plant—not the pot. I hold it under for a short time, in fact, that is the way I treat all kinds of plants, being careful to keep the sun off them for awhile, and I never have any kinds of insects on house plants. I also use a sprayer between times. My Azaleas bloom at Christmas. I keep them quite warm just before blooming. I give them a small pot and good drainage. When I water them I set them in a pan of warm water and give them a thorough soaking. Then I do not give them any for several days, or until the soil begins to look a little dry. I have never given them any fertilizer of any kind. When through blooming I set them in a cool, shady place, where they will get the morning sun, and continue to submerge them all the season, and how they do grow! When they bloom, they are a sight to behold. The flowers almost cover the leaves. I report them once a year, in pots a very little larger than they were in before. I have always kept them in tin cans.

Mrs. L. A. Barnett.

Lemhi Co., Idaho.

**Lessons from Flowers.**—How beautiful are the Lilies of the Valley, holding the dew drops in their waxen cups! How much they speak of the purity and beauty of Him who created them. Flowers teach beautiful lessons. When we are weary and disheartened, when we grow tired of worldly bustle, let us look at the beautiful emblems of purity, the flowers, as they grow by the dusty roadside, in the woods, the garden and the field, doing their best, and trusting God for everything. What a lesson for us! If God so clothe the flowers of the field, how much more will He clothe us; we whom he loves and has laid down his life to save.

Peace Wetherby.

Merrimac Co., N. H.

**Remedy for Ants.**—One of my friends was bothered with ants in her Carnation bed. They had killed some of her choice plants. So one day when I was there, we took a thick paper and spread one side with fresh lard; then we sprinkled sugar and paris green all over the grease. Many of the ants died on the paper, and they do not trouble her Carnations any more.

Mrs. Garverick.

Crawford Co., Ohio, July 20, 1903.

## PERENNIAL PEAS.

FOR those who do not care to plant often, the Perennial Pea is one of the best plants to have. Once established, from early July till after severe frosts, it is covered with blossoms. Not in many colors like Sweet Peas may be, but fresh and lovely. A white one is catalogued, and in time there may be all colors, as there seems to be no limit to the skill of florists. This Pea dies to the ground on the approach of winter, and comes up in early spring. It needs a trellis, which is best made of a yard or two of wire netting, but in a circular shape, and held in place by three or four stakes. I fancy it would be well to mulch it lightly with leaves.

H. O. S.

Nodaway Co., Mo., Nov. 28, 1903.

### MEMORY MENDING

#### What Food Alone Can Do for the Memory.

The influence of food upon the brain and memory is so little understood that people are inclined to marvel at it.

Take a person who has been living on improperly selected food and put him upon a scientific diet in which the food Grape-Nuts is largely used and the increase of the mental power that follows is truly remarkable.

A Canadian who was sent to Colorado for his health illustrates this point in a most convincing manner: "One year ago I came from Canada a nervous wreck, so my physician said, and reduced in weight to almost a skeleton and my memory was so poor that conversations had to be repeated that had taken place only a few hours before. I was unable to rest day or night for my nervous system was shattered.

"The change of climate helped me a little but it was soon seen that this was not all that I needed. I required the proper selection of food although I did not realize it until a friend recommended Grape-Nuts to me and I gave this food a thorough trial. Then I realized what the right food could do and I began to change in my feelings and bodily condition. This kept up until now after 6 months' use of Grape-Nuts all my nervous trouble has entirely disappeared, I have gained in flesh all that I had lost and what is more wonderful to me than anything else my memory is as good as it ever was. Truly Grape-Nuts has re-made me all over, mind and body, when I never expected to be well and happy again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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## ABUTILON FOR DECORATIVE EFFECT.

**A**NYONE who is desirous of getting a large plant cheaply and quickly, to ornament a corner of a parlor—say between two lace-curtained windows, where the light is not strong enough for flowering plants, and a decorative plant only is wanted, will find the old-fashioned Abutilon (Anna, I think is its name), a good plant for this purpose. Its leaves are a rich, shining green, shaped like the Maple. The flowers are red and yellow, but it is not the blossoms we will consider now, but simply the decorative effect which may be obtained from a proper training of the plant adorned only with its beautiful leaves.

Let the main stem grow erect and strong to a height of three feet before pinching. Shortly after this is once done, pinch and pinch again, as each shoot becomes long enough to branch nicely.

Thus you will have a round, symmetrical top to your tree, the whole being somewhat on the style of an ornamental Bay Tree. In the fall the leaves will be large, and the plant look a little stiff to be taken indoors, but if placed in a position such as described, it will soon send out numerous branches on all sides, which will be more tender and drooping on account of the shaded light. The leaves, too, will be smaller and more delicate. Frequent turning is essential to its beauty and shape. The branches may need some nipping during the winter, but having them a little uneven in length gives a more graceful appearance. Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y.

[NOTE.—A very pretty, free-blooming, easily-grown Abutilon is *A. Mesopotamicum*. It is of slender habit, and should be trained upon a trellis or string. Its drooping vermilion, golden and chocolate flowers are borne at the leaf-axils, and develop freely in the window in winter. It is one of the most graceful and desirable of the Abutilons, and deserving of general cultivation —Ed.]

**White Worms in the Soil.**—When those white worms get in the soil of my house plants, I take a tablespoonful of slacked lime (not air-slacked), and put it in three quarts of water. I let it stand until clear, then I soak the soil of the plants two or three times with the lime water. It has never hurt a plant for me, and I always got rid of the worms. Mrs. L. J. G.

Crawford Co., Ohio, July 20, 1903.

**Rudbeckia.**—Rudbeckia was overtaken by misfortune. In the early spring my pet rabbits ate all the crowns but one, before I knew they were growing; but that one crown sent up a veritable tree, something over seven feet high, many branched, and just a mass of balls—hundreds of them! It has been in bloom about six weeks, and is now sending up many new shoots from the root, and some of these shoots are making buds. Helen Watts McVey.

St. Louis City, Mo.

## TREATING THE JASMINE.

**I** GIVE an occasional repotting in a compost of leaf-mould, sand and fine old manure, with a little loam to add "body" to the mixture. Give a shaded place in summer and plenty of water. Any pruning that is necessary should be done after its first blooming time, in early summer; later pruning, as in autumn, removes the buds formed for the next season. In winter the Jasmine does not need more sunlight than a Palm, and requires very little water. It is among the easiest of all house plants to succeed in growing. L. G.

McDowell Co., N. C., Aug. 1902.

**Harlequin Asters.**—Not half enough fuss is made over Harlequin Asters, of which there are seven colors, viz., dark-blue, light blue, wine color, lavender, purple, pink and red. Anonymous.

Ontario, Co., N. Y.

**Seedlings.**—I have found Coleus, Cinerarias, Salvias and Verbenas so simple to grow from seeds. If you sow good seeds I can almost guarantee success.

Ontario Co., N. Y.

Anonymous.

## ON THE BABY

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My leaves and my beans  
Give food for the kine;  
Birds rest in my branches,  
On my blossoms bees dine.

On chill wintry days  
I'm used as a fuel;  
So you see on the desert  
I'm really a jewel.

Benson, Ariz.

Ad. H. Gibson.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

**A Rose Pest.**—Mr. Park: I have a bed of Moss Roses 10x40 feet, and every stem is covered like enclosed stems, with something like the scale insect. If it is scale, how shall I exterminate it? Would strong sulphate of copper solution sprayed on during the winter, avail? I am very reluctant to lose them, and any advice through your valuable little Magazine will be greatly appreciated.—N. M. B., Mo.

**ANS.**—The microscope confirms the suggestion of the enquirer, that the plants are affected with a diminutive scale insect, and so thoroughly that they appear as though sprinkled with a dry rainy powder. It is uncommon for Roses to be thus affected, but the use of a strong solution of sulphate of copper is not recommended. An effectual remedy will be found in the application of a tea made by steeping quassia chips in boiling water. Brush the stems thoroughly, some mild winter day when the rose stems are not frozen, and apply tea scalding hot by the use of a syringe, or by dipping the branches. Two or three applications at different periods, will be found effectual. It will eradicate the green lice which winter upon the vines of the Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle, and also those that infest the old-fashioned Snowball. A little attention of this kind in winter will be worth much more in eradicating these pests than a far greater amount of care bestowed after the foliage appears, and the insects begin to develop and propagate.

**Dodder.**—Mr. Editor: In the mountains of Kentucky is found a climbing plant of bright yellow wiry tendrils, twining compactly to the height of several feet. I know of nothing else like it. The natives call it the "Love Vine." Can you give any information about it?

Hardin Co., Ky.

Mrs. J. S. Hughes.

**[ANS.]**—The plant is a species of Cuscuta, commonly known as Dodder. It is a parasite plant belonging to the Convolvulus or Morning Glory family. It is propagated from seeds which it produces.—Ed.]

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Mrs. M. Hawley.

Lawrence Co., Mich., Aug. 13, 1903.

### EDITORIAL GOSSIP.

**Starting Plants from Leaves.**—There are many plants with leaf-stems that will take root when inserted in moist sand, but the growth does not develop further. The *Hoya carnosa* is one of these, and I often get notes about it similar to the following, which comes from Mrs. Agle of Springfield, Ohio:

"Mr. Park: I rooted a leaf of *Hoya carnosa*, but it does not grow or put out more leaves. Can you tell me why?"

Now had Mrs. Agle planted a leaf or part of a leaf of *Bryophyllum calycinum*, or of *Rex Begonia*, she would have had a plant, or perhaps two or more of them, and her enquiry would not have been necessary. The answer, however, is apparent: The *Hoya* leaf is not provided with a latent bud or germ. Nature did not intend that it shall be propagated in that way. At the leaf-axil, however, you will find a little bud-germ or if it is not apparent just remove a little of the trunk-stem with the leaf-stem and insert all together, and it will show itself and develop a plant in due time. Elsewhere in this number of the Magazine you will find a correspondent's notes upon starting Geraniums from leaves, and it is well known that *Begonia Gloire de Lorraine* as well as *Rex* and many other *Begonias* and plants are readily propagated in that way.

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the leaves have lodged and rotted. It may be  
made, however, by gathering leaves, and piling  
them with alternate layers of sharp sand, the  
pile left undisturbed for several years. The com-  
post should be thoroughly decayed before it is  
used, and this requires time, as leaves do not turn  
to mould readily.

**Enothera.**—Walter Bishing, of Philadelphia,  
Pa., had a plant four feet high, branching and  
bearing twenty or thirty cup-shaped bright yel-  
low flowers daily, the buds opening in the eve-  
ning and the flowers withering about noon the  
next day. He wants to know its name. It is a  
species of *Enothera* or Evening Primrose. The  
plants are easily raised from seeds, sown early in  
spring.

**Umbrella Plant, Plumbago, Acacia.**—Umbrella  
Plant does as well in porous soil, freely watered,  
as in boggy soil in water. It makes a beautiful  
pot specimen. Cuttings of Plumbago start read-  
ily in moist sand, if taken of half-ripened wood  
in summer. *Acacia lepantha* may be known as  
the Sleepy Acacia, as its leaves close up more or  
less at night.

**Arabis Alpinus.**—Mrs. C. of Wayne Co. N. Y.,  
sends a leaf and flower-cluster of a spring-bloom-  
ing perennial to be named. It is *Arabis Alpinus*,  
a hardy plant, easily grown from seeds, which  
should be sown in the spring or early summer.

**Planting Gladiolus.**—An esteemed contributor  
from Canon City, Colorado, is not in favor of  
planting Gladiolus bulbs "six or eight inches  
deep." He covers his bulbs three-fourths of an  
inch, and has excellent results.

Dear Mr. Park:—I enjoy reading your *Floral*  
Magazine very much, and I find that it is a great  
help to me when raising flowers. Although I  
am but fourteen, still I am very fond of flower  
gardening. I think the beauty of flowers ought  
to appeal to every one. Will some one be so  
kind as to tell me how to attend to my Maiden-  
hair Fern. I try to be careful with it and yet it  
seems to be trying to die. I wish you much suc-  
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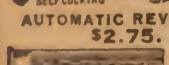


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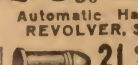
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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

**Pansies.**—Mr. Park: I have no cold frame to which I can transplant my Pansies. Will it not do just as well if I transplant them to a protected bed, and cover with pine boughs?—A. L. J., N. Y.

**Ans.**—It would be better to let the plants remain in the bed till spring. Late transplanting is not safe. When Pansy seeds are sown in August or September, the seed-bed should be where the plants can remain and bloom in the spring. The same precaution should be taken with nearly all other seeds sown in autumn.

**Oleander and Pansies.**—Mr. Park: I have an Oleander in a tub, and around it I have Pansies planted. The Pansies have about stopped blooming. Shall I leave them in the tub or transplant them to an out-door bed? I should like to have the blooms for winter, if possible.—Mrs. R. E. Bortoff, Newcastle, Colo.

**Ans.**—The Pansies might as well remain where they are. If set out late they may not endure the winter. If let alone they will winter with the Oleander, and be ready to bloom in the spring. Pansies are of little value to grow and bloom in a heated room. They enjoy the free air of the garden and rarely do well under constraint. It will be better to depend upon other plants for winter bloom.

**Imperfect Roses.**—Mr. Park: I had two pink Rose bushes in my garden last summer that did not produce a perfect flower, although at times loaded with buds and flowers. From the center of the Roses six or eight little buds issued, and three grew out about an inch and partially opened. It was a queer sight, and I found no person who could explain it. The bushes are four years old. Lots of buds dried up and dropped off.—Mrs. R. C., Wash.

**Ans.**—Freaks of the character referred to are not uncommon, either in Roses or some other plants, and they are hardly within the scope of explanation, any more than the fact that a rose bush bearing pink flowers will sometimes throw out a branch bearing pure white ones. The double Daisy, Bellis perennis, will sometimes throw out buds from a flower, after the manner suggested, and these will develop into miniature double blossoms of the same form and color as perfect large flowers upon the same plant. A change of soil or situation may prove beneficial to such plants, and the use of phosphate or some good fertilizer may be found useful.—Ed.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—The wild flowers on the prairie here are so nice, and so many different kinds, mostly yellow, although there are some that are blue, red and white. There is one kind which begins to bloom about the first of June and blooms till frost. It is an annual. The flowers are single, and are dark, chocolate-brown, with a red band and yellow fringe. Some are just brown with a yellow fringe, but these are not plenty. The red, yellow and brown we have in abundance. On ground that has been ploughed they are fine, but they are small and stunted on the sod. Then there is a little plant that the cattlemen call Texas Hood, which is blue with a white stripe in the middle. They look like Snapdragons, but are small, the entire blossom on a fine plant being no longer than a small Wax-bean. I think they are lovely little flowers. Out here they stay green all winter, and bloom for years. There is a Cactus here that is called Pincushion or Lace. I see two colors. The straw color is fourteen to twenty days earlier than the pink, which is the prettier. There are lots of big Cow-tongues, or Prickly Pear Cactuses, as some call

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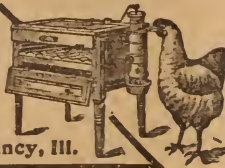
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**GOSSIP.**

Dear Floral Sisters:—All flowers have charms for some one, and while certain plants are more beautiful than others, yet let us remember that all persons cannot have the choicest flowers, and even a common weed may be lovely in the eyes of a beauty-starved child, or woman who is unable to grow the choicer plants.

The adjective, gaudy, seems very inappropriate as applied to Tulips, Roses, Geraniums, or any richly colored glowing blossoms, also these unhappily chosen terms frequently cause children to look at the flower so sneered at, with contempt.

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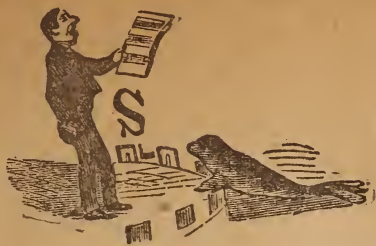
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Prince William Co., Va., May 7, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. For pets I have two cats, named Josephine and Gladdis. My favorite flowers are Paeonies, Roses and Chrysanthemums. They are also my mother's favorites. I am in the fourth grade. My sister teaches me at home.

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Prince William Co., Va., April 7, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. We live in the country, and I go to school. I love flowers. Mamma does not take your Magazine, but wants to very much. She had a copy given to her, and she likes it. She answered an add in it, and among the things she got was a package of Black Pansy seeds. They are beautiful.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I assure you that your Floral Magazine is fully appreciated by myself and family. When first received each page and each name is eagerly read, to see whom of the old friends and what new ones have come this month, and what each one has to say. They seem like a kindred band, each taking pleasure in helping the rest. To-day I was reading in the February number and my eyes fell upon a few lines written from Crawford county, Pa., about 'Ferns for Winter.' How these lines carried me back to my earlier life. The first thirty years were nearly all spent in Concord, Erie County, Pa., and with my only sister, in Rome township, Crawford county. In both homes, flowers were extensively cultivated, and the pictures of those flower gardens are among the brightest in my memory; the more sacred perhaps because father, mother and sister, have gone over to the better land. I, of my father's family will be the last to go.

I have many times gathered ferns and mosses from their shady, moist nooks, and twined among them were the Strawberry vines, added plentifully with Wintergreen with its bright and red berries and fragrant leaves. In early spring I dug the little yellow Lilies with their graceful drooping heads, the blue and white Violets and other wild flowers from the wild-wood, imbedding the roots in moss and keeping it quite wet. These arranged in any form our fancy dictated provided a luxury we now would give much to possess.

True, these boundless prairie lands produce many beautiful flowers new to us, while a goodly number are just such as we cultivated with great care in the East. Surrounded with these we often go into ecstasies over a new-found treasure of this kind, and yet we sometimes find ourselves longing for the sight and fragrance of those old friends of the forest. The delicate Sensitive Plant, Mimosa pudica, which we grew there with such care, for the beauty of its fine cut foliage, and because of its peculiar way of resenting a touch, grows wild here. Its branches are several feet long, bearing clusters of beautiful flowers, like delicate pink feathery balls. It is an interesting plant to study. If touched, it will immediately close its tiny, fern-like leaves, and if touched near the base of the leaf-stalk, not only will the leaflets close, but the leaf-stalk will droop as if broken. It is interesting to stand back some distance and watch it. When it apparently thinks the enemy gone, it slowly and cautiously lifts its drooping branches, and leaf by leaf comes back to its normal state, when the whole plant is again a living beauty.

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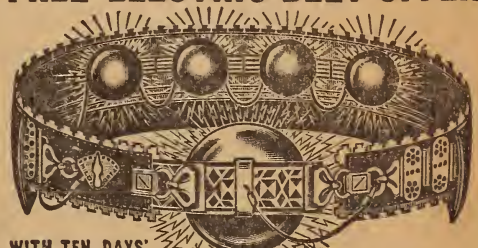
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